



## **FISCAL YEAR 2011 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST**

As submitted to the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, Related Agencies on March 26, 2010:

### **U.S. Department of the Interior**

#### **National Park Service:**

I urge the Subcommittee to maintain the fiscal year 2010 funding level of \$2.75 billion for the National Park Service and reject the Administration's proposal to decrease funding. It is critical to at least maintain funding levels for the National Park Service in order to restore and protect America's national parks legacy for future generations. This request is especially pertinent when considering the upcoming Centennial Celebration of the National Parks system ahead of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016. Funding the parks at these levels will benefit the deferred maintenance backlog and help restore our Parks to their iconic status.

#### **NPS – Construction:**

**Recipient:** National Park Service

**Location:** Shanksville, PA

**Amount:** \$3,000,000

**Flight 93 National Memorial:** In 2002, Congress created the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania to honor the 40 passengers and crewmembers of United Airlines Flight 93 who gave their lives to save countless others on September 11, 2001. The National Park Service, in cooperation with the Families of Flight 93 and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania acquired the land necessary for the Memorial and commenced construction on November 7, 2009. The Park Service is on track to achieve the goal established by the Families of Flight 93 to complete the first phase and dedicate the Memorial on September 11, 2011. Accordingly, I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$3,000,000 in FY2011 for construction of the Flight 93 National Memorial to help fulfill the Federal funding obligation and ensure that the Memorial will be dedicated by the 10-year anniversary in 2011.

**Recipient:** National Park Service

**Location:** Valley Forge National Military Park

**Amount:** \$10,993,000

**Rehabilitation of Valley Forge Park Visitor Center:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$10,993,000 for the Rehabilitation of Visitor Center at Valley Forge Park National Military Park. The project will improve the overall experience for the park's 1.4 million annual visitors by rehabilitating existing space in the 1976 visitor center and adding limited new space to be used for better welcoming and orientation,

programs for children and adults, and display of a greater portion of the museum collections. This project will also update preservation efforts for the park's nationally significant museum collections and correct fire safety and ADA accessibility issues.

**Recipient:** Pocono Environmental Education Center

**Location:** Dingmans Ferry, PA

**Amount:** \$1,300,000

**Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC):** The PEEC, which is located within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, operates under a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service. The Center provides environmental education and outdoor recreation opportunities for over 25,000 visitors annually, including 17,000 children. However, the activities and programs are hampered by the state of disrepair of the aging facilities and infrastructure, much of which is over 50 years old. One project, which is listed in the National Park Service Preventative Maintenance System backlog, involved replacing the Center's 56 year-old deteriorated, unsafe cabins. Accordingly, I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1.3 million to PEEC to construct one 40-person lodge and five new cabins.

#### **NPS – Land Acquisition:**

**Recipient:** National Park Service

**Location:** Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

**Amount:** \$2,950,000

**Mosiers Knob:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2.95 million for the National Park Service to purchase around 167 acres of land within the boundary Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area known as Mosiers Knob parcel. The Mosiers Knob parcel follows a ridgeline overlooking the Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River and offers significant ecological and recreational value for Pennsylvania and the region. Within the boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area are several privately owned properties that could be developed, the acquisition of which, from willing sellers, would allow the National Park Service to consolidate ownership and improve management of forest, habitat, and recreational resources.

**Land and Water Conservation Fund:** I urge the subcommittee to provide the authorized level of \$900 million to fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Funding for the LWCF is derived from royalties generated from offshore drilling leases. The LWCF is the most significant source of land acquisition funding for the National Wildlife Refuge system, in which there are over 8 million acres of unprotected land within the existing boundaries.

#### **NPS – National Wild and Scenic Rivers:**

**Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2.822 million for the National Park Service's Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers program. This program protects rivers throughout the country through partnerships between the federal government and state and local governments. Two rivers in Pennsylvania are protected through this program: the Lower Delaware River and the White Clay Creek.

## **NPS – National Recreation and Preservation, Natural Programs:**

**Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Water Trails:** I urge the Subcommittee to fully fund the Administration's request for \$2 million for the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Water Trails grants program. The Chesapeake Gateways and Watertrails program, originally authorized in the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress, is a program administered by the National Park Service that provides matching grants for projects that enhance the public's education of and access to the Chesapeake Bay. A study conducted by the National Park Service in 2004 identified this program as the most effective and efficient way to help protect and tell the story of the Chesapeake Bay.

### U.S. Geological Survey:

**NatureServe:** I urge the Subcommittee to support \$2 million for NatureServe, a non-profit organization whose international network of biological inventories and data management tools are used by a wide variety of government agencies, corporations and academia. NatureServe is working with the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program to develop a consistent dataset on the status and location of species of greatest conservation need and their habitats.

**The Great Lakes Geologic Mapping Coalition:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1 million for the Great Lakes Geologic Mapping Coalition. Established in 1997, the coalition includes state geological surveys from all eight Great Lakes states, in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey. The principal task of the Coalition is to balance critical water quantity and quality issues with economic development considerations by making three-dimensional geologic maps that characterize the region's near-surface deposits. Geologic maps created by this program can guide land use and water management decisions throughout this region.

### National Heritage Areas:

**Heritage Partnership Program:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$40 million for the National Park Service Heritage Partnership Program. This program provides funding to the forty-nine authorized National Heritage Areas, seven of which are located entirely or partially in Pennsylvania. In light of recent funding shortfalls and the maintenance backlog at our National Parks, National Heritage Areas offer a constructive way to tell nationally important stories about the United States, while limiting the need to acquire property that must be managed and maintained using federal funding. The Administration has requested \$9 million for National Heritage Areas in FY2011, a decrease of over \$8.8 million from FY2010. Thirteen new National Heritage Areas have been designated in the 110<sup>th</sup> and 111<sup>th</sup> Congresses and increased federal funding is necessary to support the heritage areas and foster their ability to leverage private and local funds.

**Pennsylvania National Heritage Areas:** The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is home to seven National Heritage Areas: Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor; Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority; Oil Region National Heritage Area; Rivers of Steel Heritage Area; the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area; and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation

Commission. Each area is authorized to receive \$1 million per fiscal year, thus I urge the Subcommittee to provide that level of funding to each of the seven areas. Funding these areas at the fully authorized level will enable the areas to continue their conservation efforts of natural and cultural resources within their designated boundaries.

#### Office of Surface Mining:

**Abandoned Mine Land Emergency Program:** I urge the Subcommittee to fully fund the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Emergency Program. The AML Emergency Program was authorized by the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) of 1977 (P.L. 95-87) to cleanup AML emergencies which are separate from the priority sites. Without this emergency fund, states would be forced to divert funding from non-emergency reclamation and AML waterline projects to fund emergency cleanups. It is my understanding that the passage of the 2006 SMCRA amendments (P.L. 109-432) did not include any language that mandates or authorizes states to fund or take sole responsibility for the AML Emergency Program.

#### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

**Highlands Conservation Act:** In November 2004, the President signed the Highlands Conservation Act into law (P.L. 108-421). The Highlands Conservation Act recognizes the national significance of the Highlands Region, which encompasses 3.5 million acres from Northwestern Connecticut, across the lower Hudson River in New York, through New Jersey and into east-central Pennsylvania. The Highlands Conservation Act authorizes up to \$10 million per year over 10 years for the Department of Interior to facilitate land partnership projects and open space purchases in the four-state Highland Region. I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$10 million to implement the Highlands Conservation Act. In fiscal year 2010, the program was appropriated \$4,000,000. The Administration has requested \$5 million of for this program in FY2011.

#### **National Wildlife Refuge Fund:**

**National Wildlife Refuge System:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$578 million for the National Wildlife Refuge System, an increase of \$75.195 million over the fiscal year 2010 enacted level. The National Wildlife Refuge System is the nation's exclusive system of public lands and waters designated to conserve wildlife and ecosystems across the country. Funding will be used to help the National Wildlife Refuge System protect millions of acres of pristine land.

**State and Tribal Wildlife Grants:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$100 million for the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants Program, an increase of \$10 million over the fiscal year 2010 enacted level. This program provides states with the resources needed to initiate and execute conservation programs to protect at-risk wildlife. The actions funded by this program help eliminate invasive species, reinstate and protect habitat for threatened animals and reintroduce native wildlife into their natural habitat.

**Recipient:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Location:** Monroe and Northampton Counties

**Amount:** \$2,000,000

**Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2 million for land acquisition and conservation easements within the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge, which was authorized in December 2008. Cherry Valley is a scenic stream valley at the base of the Kittatinny Ridge in Monroe and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania. Cherry Creek flows into the Delaware River at the Delaware Water Gap and the Valley supports numerous rare and threatened species. These initial National Wildlife Refuge purchases include important habitat along Cherry Creek, critical to the endangered bog turtle, the headwaters of Cherry Creek, and extensive forest land along Kittatinny Ridge near the Appalachian Trail.

### **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

#### **State and Tribal Assistance Grants:**

**Recipient:** Alexandria Boro–Porter Township Joint Sewer Authority

**Location:** P.O. Box 113, Alexandria, PA 16611

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Alexandria Boro – Porter Township Joint Sewer Authority to support the extension of and improvements to Alexandria Boro–Porter Township Joint Sewer system. Funding will be used for engineering, construction, and related purposes.

**Recipient:** Allegheny County Sanitary Authority

**Location:** 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Allegheny County Sanitary Authority, including their Three Rivers Wet Weather Green Sewer Initiative. Funding will be used for planning and implementing a pilot overflow control strategy utilizing green technologies in three combined sewersheds within the City of Pittsburgh. The green overflow control strategies will be targeted to achieve CSO control levels conforming to the USEPA CSO Control Policy. Specifically, funding will be used for site evaluation, hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, construction, and related costs.

**Recipient:** Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development

**Location:** 250 Insurance Street, Beaver, PA 15009

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development, including the Wastewater Infrastructure at Aliquippa Site project. Funding will be used to initiate the construction of the wastewater facility, including needs assessment, engineering, design, and construction.

**Recipient:** Borough of Carlisle

**Location:** Borough of Carlisle, 53 West South Street, Carlisle, PA 17013

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Borough of Carlisle in support of their Carlisle Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) Upgrade Project. Funding for this project will be used to carry out improvements to the wastewater treatment plant that are mandated by the federal and state governments through the Chesapeake Bay Initiative. The wastewater plant improvements will enhance the treatment process of the Borough's regional treatment facility to assist in the environmental restoration of the Chesapeake Bay.

**Recipient:** Borough of Danville

**Location:** Borough of Danville, Municipal Building, 239 Mill Street, Danville, PA 17821

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Borough of Danville in support of their Danville Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Funding will be used to bring the Wastewater Treatment Plant into compliance with current industry standards by replacing aged (45-60 years old) structures and equipment that no longer provide reliable service to meet the needs of four municipalities. Specifically, funding will be used for construction, disinfection, pumping, and related renovation expenses.

**Recipient:** Butler Area Sewer Authority

**Location:** 100 Litman Road, Butler, PA 16001

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Butler Area Sewer Authority, including their sewer rehabilitation project. Funding would be used for the construction of diversion, pumping, and equalization tank facilities at Butler Area Sewer Authority's Monroe Pump Station.

**Recipient:** Centre County Board of Commissioners

**Location:** Willowbank Office Building, 420 Holmes Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

**Amount Requested:** \$250,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Centre County Board of Commissioners, including for the replacement of a water main core of the Mountaintop Regional Water Authority System. Funding will be used to begin to address the replacement of these water mains to restore operational performance and to ensure that the community can rely on the water pressure for public safety and fire protection.

**Recipient:** City of Allentown

**Location:** City of Allentown, 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101

**Amount Requested:** \$800,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for City of Allentown, including their project for Elimination of Sanitary Sewer overflows at Klines. Funding will be used for design and construction of an equalization tank to store wastewater from the significant wet weather events that exceeds capacity of the treatment facility. After flows diminish, the stored wastewater will be slowly reintroduced into the collection system to receive full treatment.

**Recipient:** City of Bethlehem

**Location:** 10 E. Church St., Bethlehem, PA 18018

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the City of Bethlehem, including their sewer relocation project. Funding will be used for engineering and construction purposes.

**Recipient:** County of Greene

**Location:** Greene County Dept. of Economic Development, 49 South Washington Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for County of Greene for public sewer improvements. Funding will be used for construction purposes to extend sewage service into two separate areas under the jurisdiction of the Authority.

**Recipient:** County of Lycoming

**Location:** 48 West Third St., Williamsport, PA 17701

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for County of Lycoming, including to bring public water supply to four planned industrial parks. Funding will be used for test wells, design, and construction.

**Recipient:** Crabtree Area Municipal Authority

**Location:** 217 Murdock Way, Greensburg, PA 15601

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Crabtree Area Municipal Authority to provide a public sewer system to more than 900 households and businesses in Westmoreland County. Funding will be used for design, acquisition of necessary right of ways, and construction purposes.

**Recipient:** Cranberry Township

**Location:** 2525 Rochester Rd., Ste. 400, Cranberry Township, PA 16066

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Cranberry Township, including for the Commonwealth Pump Station. Funding will be used to replace an aging, inefficient pump station and will be able to provide needed water supply to northern Cranberry Township as well as areas in Evans City and Jackson Township.

In the interests of full disclosure, Mark Carmel of Delta Development Group, Inc., who is a former staff member of my office, lobbied my office in support of this project receiving federal funding in fiscal year 2011. I request that you provide full and fair scrutiny when considering this funding request.

**Recipient:** Derry Township Municipal Authority

**Location:** 670 Clearwater Road, Hershey, PA 17033

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Derry Township Municipal Authority, including for an upgrade and expansion of their Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant. Funding will be used for the preparation of engineering design plans and specifications for the construction.

**Recipient:** Fayette County

**Location:** 61 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401

**Amount Requested:** \$219,065

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Fayette County for continued sewer and water improvements to Fayette County Business Park. Funding will be used for sewer and water system construction.

**Recipient:** Lebanon County

**Location:** 400 S. 8th Street, Lebanon, PA 17042

**Amount Requested:** \$750,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lebanon County to support improvements to sewer and wastewater connections. Funding will be used for construction and related purposes.

**Recipient:** McClure Municipal Authority

**Location:** P.O. Box 138, 17 East High Street, McClure, PA 17841

**Amount Requested:** \$980,567

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for McClure Municipal Authority, including support for a waterline replacement project. Funding will be used for administrative, engineering, legal, permitting, and construction purposes.

**Recipient:** Meadville Area Sewer Authority

**Location:** 1320 Park Ave, Meadville, PA 16335

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Meadville Area Sewer Authority, including the North Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement project. Funding will be used for sanitary sewer replacement engineering and construction.

**Recipient:** Milton Regional Sewer Authority

**Location:** PO Box 433, Milton, PA 17847

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Milton Regional Sewer Authority, including the Milton Wastewater to Energy Project. Funding will be used for construction of the energy recovery system and the anaerobic treatment system; infrastructure; and equipment.

**Recipient:** North Londonderry Township

**Location:** 655 East Ridge Road, Palmyra, PA 17078

**Amount Requested:** \$324,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for North Londonderry Township, including for a new sewer system. Funding will be used for surveying, construction, installation, and related costs.



**Recipient:** Pike County Economic Development Authority

**Location:** 209 East Hartford Street, Milford, PA 18337

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Pike County Economic Development Authority, including their water systems improvement project. Funding will be used for design, engineering, and construction.

**Recipient:** Ready Rubber PA LLC

**Location:** 201 Schooley Ave., Exeter, PA 18643

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Ready Rubber PA LLC in support of their green processing initiative. Funding will be used to develop a recycling process of rubber that can be used for thermoplastics and develop green plastic material.

**Recipient:** Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) Solutions

**Location:** P.O. Box 223, Lewisberry, PA, 17339

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for RCAP Solutions, including assisting small rural communities in Pennsylvania and nationwide meet federal clean and safe water standards in their drinking water and wastewater systems.

**Recipient:** Sanatoga Interchange Associates, L.P.

**Location:** 2701 Renaissance Boulevard, King of Prussia, PA, 19406

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Sanatoga Interchange Associates, L.P. to support sanitary sewer and water upgrades on a 65 acre tract along Route 422 in Limerick Township, Montgomery County, PA. Funding will be used for construction, landscaping, and related purposes.

**Recipient:** Somerset County General Authority

**Location:** 300 North Center Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501

**Amount Requested:** \$756,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Somerset County General Authority, including Jefferson Township Water Project. Funding will be used for construction of a pump station and water line that will provide a connection from the Quemahoning water system to the village of Bakersville in Jefferson Township, Somerset County, PA. Specifically, funding will be used for design, construction, and related costs.

**Recipient:** Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority

**Location:** 1 Gamble Lane, Aston, PA 19014

**Amount Requested:** \$246,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority for reconstruction of the methane digester roof of their water treatment plant. Specifically, funds will be used for materials, labor, and installation.

**Recipient:** York City Sewer Authority

**Location:** 1701 Blackbridge Road, York, PA 17402

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for York City Sewer Authority to support their microturbine co-generation system that will produce electricity for York City WWTP operations. Funding will be used for engineering, equipment, and construction.

Environmental Programs and Management:

**Recipient:** Small Public Water System Technology Assistance Centers

**Location:** National

**Amount Requested:** \$4,000,000

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$4 million for the SPWSTAC, which are part of a national network of eight technical assistance centers (TACNet) that support the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) goal of providing “clean and safe water” to residents served by small public water systems. The overall mission of the Pennsylvania State University SPWSTAC is to foster technology evaluation and training for operators, trainers, engineers, owners and managers of small water systems. The center delivers low-cost, high-quality training and assistance for those systems with less than 3,300 people in Region III EPA, as well as training materials and technical publications.

**Recipient:** National Rural Water Association

**Location:** National

**Amount Requested:** \$16.8 million

**Project Description:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$16.8 million to the National Rural Water Association to train water system personnel and provide on-site technical assistance to small communities to assist with drinking water quality and EPA compliance concerns. Additional funding would increase the number of rural communities that adopt groundwater protection plans.

**Clean Water State Revolving Loan Funds and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds:** I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Funds and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds at a level above that which was requested by the President. The President’s budget request of \$3.3 billion is a \$200 million reduction from the FY 2010 enacted level. The need for investment in drinking water and wastewater infrastructure far exceeds available funding. The EPA estimates that more than \$500 billion will be necessary to improve our nation’s wastewater and drinking water infrastructure between 2007 and 2027.

**Chesapeake Bay Executive Order:** I support the administration’s request of \$63 million to implement the President’s Chesapeake Bay Executive Order. This funding is necessary to address the unique challenges facing the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. In addition, I support an increase in funding for the Agency’s nonpoint source reduction program. Nonpoint source pollution from agriculture, lawns and impermeable surfaces is a particular concern in the Bay Watershed.

**Brownfields:** I urge the Subcommittee to support the President's request for Brownfield's cleanup. This important program incentivizes redevelopment in blighted communities that suffer environmental contamination. The President's request for a \$41 million increase should be enacted.

### **Related Agencies**

#### **National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities:**

**National Endowment for the Humanities:** The National Endowment for the Humanities, established by Congress in 1965, supports humanities projects across the nation that help Americans learn more about human history, thought, and culture, including projects to microfilm fragile literary works and other documents and to increase humanities education. I urge the Subcommittee to maintain funding for NEH at the FY2010 enacted level of \$167.5 million and reject the Administration's proposal to decrease this funding.

**National Endowment for the Arts:** The National Endowment for the Arts provides crucial funding to states and local arts organizations to broaden access to the arts and enhance educational opportunities, improve the quality of life of children and families throughout the nation. I urge the Subcommittee to maintain funding for NEA at the FY2010 enacted level of \$167.5 million and reject the Administration's proposal to decrease this funding.